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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
October 27, 2008



COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dwight Collins, Anne Creighton, Patrick Driscoll, Frank Kadlecek, Foster Lopes, Edward Murphy-Chair, Alice Pivacek

STAFF PRESENT: George Friedenbach, Acting Director of Parks & Recreation
Phil Orr, Recreation Supervisor-Senior Center
Marilyn Dippell, Acting Recreation Superintendent
Renee Furtado, Recreation Supervisor-Therapeutics
Nancy Velasco, Office Specialist II
Morgan Pershing, Reference Librarian I
Augie Wiedemann, Deputy Fire Chief

GUESTS: Donna Marencia, Anita Marencia, Glorian Quigley, Jean Salmon

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Murphy.
 - II. MINUTES OF THE September 22, 2008 MEETING – Minutes were approved as written.
 - III. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – The Commission reviewed City Council actions pertaining to seniors.
 - IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION – None.
 - V. REPORTS-
 - A. Chair's Report-Chair Murphy - No report.
 - B. Health and Wellness/Case Management – Commissioner Creighton referenced the Health and Wellness Report which is attached. The Flu Vaccine Clinic will be open on Friday, November 7th from 9:00am -1:00pm (400 doses will be available). Holiday Meal Delivery will be on Wednesday, December 17th, facilitated with the Women's League.
 - C. Research on Aging Consultant – Commissioner Driscoll –No report.
 - D. Council on Aging Advisory Council– Commissioner Collins reported that the Council on Aging is reducing their funding by 10% with the exception of the Ombudsman Program which could see a 50% reduction. Staff sent a letter to the Council on Aging announcing the appointment of Commissioner Collins as the City of Santa Clara's representative.
 - E. California Senior Legislature – Commissioner Lopes reported on his new proposals that were sent to the State Legislature. The full credit against medical expenses proposal was adopted and the Social Security benefit proposal was not.

- F. Senior Center Needs/Transportation – Commissioner Pivacek inquired about the sign in front of the Senior Center. Staff reported that the existing sign was being repaired by Parks Division staff; Parks staff will also construct a second sign for the Monroe Street side of the building.
- G. Volunteers/Communication- Commissioner Kadlecek reported on “Make a Difference Day”. The Senior Center collected and delivered two full vans of clothing to City Team Ministries; he estimated 3500-4000 clothing items were collected. Mayor Mahan signed a Proclamation stating that October 25 is “Make a Difference Day” in the City of Santa Clara. The food collection for Second Harvest Food Bank was less than expected yet respectable. Commissioner Kadlecek expressed interest in having volunteers in the computer lab.
- H. Nutrition – Commissioner Collins referenced the Nutrition Site Manager’s report which is attached to this document. Commissioner Collins would like to start year-to-date comparisons for the Nutrition Program as he is concerned about funding and being able to provide continuing service in this current economy.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Citizen Survey for Saturday Hours at the Senior Center– At the recommendation of the Senior Advisory Commission, citizens were surveyed about their preference of Saturday operating hours for the Senior Center. They were asked to vote to keep the current hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m or change to 9:00am-3:00pm. Sixty-Five responses were in favor of keeping current hours and 221 were in favor of adopting the new hours. Commissioner Kadlecek made a motion to recommend the Senior Center’s Saturday hours be changed to 9:00am-3:00pm. . Commissioner Lopes seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the Commission, beginning January 3, 2009.
- B. Periodical Subscription – Commissioner Collins recommended on-site periodicals be available in the Senior Center lobby. Possible subjects include nutrition, health care, and consumer reports on money management and finances.
- C. Recycle Bins – The Senior Center has two new recycle bins in the patio area. Staff will obtain two additional bins one for the snack bar and one for the auditorium area.
- D. Commissioners Applying for Grants – Acting Director Friedenbach stated that grant applications and processing should be conducted at the staff level. Commissioners are encouraged to share their knowledge of grants with staff who can begin the application process.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of -Morgan Pershing-Reference Librarian I, she will be attending future meetings to be available for comments and suggestions.
- B. Introduction of new Senior Center staff – Judy Borrego-Mendieta, Office Specialist II and Jodie Sugiyama, Registered Nurse Practitioner.

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS-

A. Deputy Fire Chief Augie Wiedemann gave a presentation on use of AED and discussed related issues.

X. CONFERENCE AND TRAVEL AB1234 – No Report.


XI. SUGGESTION BOX REVIEW –Staff distributed report with suggestions and responses.

XII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center Conference Room.

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